



Federal Legislative Activities - Week of June 23, 2014

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of June 23, 2014 below.

Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity

Tuesday, June 24th

10 AM | Senate Appropriations - Subcommittee Markup – FY 2015 Appropriations: Homeland Security

10 AM | House Natural Resources – Water and Power Subcommittee Hearing – Federal Water Authority

10 AM | House Education and the Workforce – Full Committee Business Meeting – Member Subcommittee Assignments

10 AM | House Education and the Workforce – Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions Subcommittee Hearing – National Labor Relations Board: *What Should Workers and Employers Expect Next From the National Labor Relations Board?* Watch a live webcast [here](#).

10 AM | House Energy and Commerce Committee - 21st Century Cures Roundtable: Digital Health Care. The Committee will discuss steps Congress can take to bridge the gap between these advances and the regulatory policies that govern them, ultimately advancing digital and personalized health care. The committee recently released a white paper on the subject, available online [here](#). Learn more about the 21st Century Cures initiative [here](#).

10 AM | House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources: Oversight Hearing on American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Education – Subcommittee background: The American energy boom has created new job opportunities across many sectors that require a skilled and educated workforce. Today's educational institutions are working to ensure that students and future generations are prepared to fill these jobs. High schools are focusing on teaching skills and exposing high school kids to opportunities in the energy sector, community colleges are filling the gap in partnering to train skilled workers, and colleges are expanding geology and engineering programs and finding joint partnerships with industry to focus on filling workforce needs.

10:30 AM | Senate Appropriations - Subcommittee Markup – FY 2015 Appropriations: Financial Services

2:30 PM | Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation - Full Committee Markup – Coast Guard, Transportation, and Aviation Bills

2:30 PM | Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions - Full Committee Hearing – Community Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules - Tuesday, June 24, and the Balance of the Week

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the House will meet at 12 PM for legislative business and at 9 AM Thursday.

- [H.R. 1098](#) - Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act of 2013. The bill would amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize appropriations for FY2014-18 for: (1) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) projects to reduce the incidence of traumatic brain injury, and (2) traumatic brain injury surveillance systems or registries.
- [H.R. 1281](#) - Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2013. This legislation would extend a grant program to evaluate the effectiveness of screening, counseling, or health care services in reducing the morbidity and mortality caused by heritable disorders in newborns and children. Expands

the program to include evaluation of treatment and follow-up care for newborns and their families after screening and diagnosis.

- [H.R. 3548](#) - Improving Trauma Care Act of 2014. This legislation would amend Public Health Service Act, with respect to trauma care programs, to include in the definition of "trauma" an injury resulting from extrinsic agents other than mechanical force, including those that are thermal, electrical, chemical, or radioactive
- [H.R. 4080](#) - Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act. The bill amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize appropriations for trauma care programs through FY2019. Requires that not more than 50% of amounts remaining for a fiscal year after FY2014 (after allocation for administrative purposes or for improvement of emergency medical services in rural areas) be allocated for competitive grants to support pilot projects for emergency care and trauma systems and requires the inclusion of standards and requirements of the American Burn Association in trauma care modifications of a state plan for providing emergency medical services.
- [H.R. 4631](#) -The Autism CARES Act of 2014. The bill reauthorizes research, surveillance and education activities related to autism spectrum disorders (autism) conducted by various agencies within the Health and Human Services (HHS) Department. It also requires a report from the HHS secretary on best practices for transitioning adolescents from existing school-based services to those services focused on adulthood. The report should include an examination of the demographics of the autistic population and an overview of current policies, including those that encourage independent living, equal opportunity, full participation and economic self-sufficiency.

Wednesday, June 25th

9:30 AM | House Oversight and Government Reform – Full Committee Oversight Hearing - *Management Failures: Oversight of the EPA*

10 AM | House Appropriations – Full Committee Markup – FY 2015 Appropriations: Financial Services and General Services. The bill provides annual funding for the Treasury Department, the Judiciary, the Small Business Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and several other agencies. Click [here](#) for a draft of the bill and to watch the hearing live.

The bill totals \$21.3 billion in funding for these agencies, which is \$566 million below the fiscal year 2014 enacted level and \$2.3 billion below the President's request for these programs. The legislation prioritizes programs critical to enforcing laws, maintaining an effective judiciary system, and helping small businesses, while targeting lower-priority or poor-performing programs – such as the Internal Revenue Service – for reductions.

10 AM | Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions - Full Committee Markup – Autism Programs, Retirement security Bills and Nominations: Robert M. Gordon to serve as assistant secretary of Education for the Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development

10 AM | Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs - Full Committee Markup – HUD and FHFA Nominations: Julian Castro to be secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Laura Wertheimer to be inspector general of the Federal Housing Finance Agency

10:30 AM | Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation - Aviation Operations, Safety and Security Subcommittee Hearing – Next Generation Air Transportation System

Also, at a time to be determined by leaders, the Senate will consider legislation ([HR 803](#)) that would overhaul and reauthorize the 1998 Workforce Investment Act (PL 105-220), which expired in 2003.